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Dear Dr. Margolin,

Thank you for asking me to review your project on chronic pain management, which is of considerable interest not only to physiatrists but also to other related specialties in general and neurology in particular. I am pleased to evaluate your proposal as a neurologist with special interest in clinical electrophysiology, which I practiced over 50 years.

The project you are undertaking relates to the role of nerve conduction studies (NCS) and needle electromyography (EMG) on clinical assessments of chronic pain patients. I find the study well designed using appropriate methodology to gain a positive impact on clinical practice. I am pleased to learn that the American Board of PM&R has approved this project that was highly evaluated by Dr. Wainapel, an expert in this field. As a neurologist, I too consider the project of considerable value and interest to other specialists and the third party payers.

From my personal experience, I consider NCS as one of the most important tests for evaluation of neuropathy and EMG as an essential tool for clinical study of radiculopathy, two very common conditions where chronic pain management plays an important role. As such these electrodiagnostic methods have demonstrated strong medical necessity on patient care dealing with chronic pain. I wish you continued success in this important endeavor.

Regards,



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